

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed in an application entitled "*Soft Mute Circuit*", the specification and drawings of which are attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification including the claims.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to patentability, as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

And we hereby appoint:

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as our attorney with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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Wherefore we pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the above-identified patent application.

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